

REMARKS

This communication is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 22, 2007 in this matter. Claims 1-25 are deemed subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Claim 25 are withdrawn. No claims are added or amended.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-24, drawn to a folding bicycle frame; and
- II. Claim 25, drawn to a method of manufacturing a bicycle frame.

The Applicants wish to elect prosecution of Claims 1-24 drawn to a folding bicycle frame and may pursue the non-elected claim in a suitable divisional application.

The Examiner indicates that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

- Species 1 -- shown in Figures 1-18;
- Species 2 -- shown in Figures 19-21; and
- Species 3 -- shown in Figure 22.

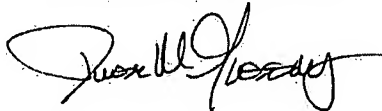
The Examiner indicates that the species are independent or distinct because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. The Examiner additionally indicates that Figures 1-18 are drawn to claims 3, 4, 14, 16-18 and 21; Figures 19-21 are drawn to claim 2; Figure 22 is drawn to claim 13; and that claims 1, 5-12, 15, 19, 20 and 22-24 are generic.

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Applicants elect species 1, as set forth in claims 3, 4, 14, 16-18 and 21. Therefore, Applicants request examination of those claims together with generic claims claims 1, 5-12, 15, 19, 20 and 22-24.

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